

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claim 1 is independent.

The amendment filed December 3, 2007 has overcome the objection of claims 1, 3 and 4 and thus the objection of dependent claims 2 and 5-11.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The reasons for allowance for claims 1-11 given in the previous Office action mailed October 9, 1007 are still valid after the updated search. The reasons are repeated below.

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art, while teaches a bent lamp having two bent parts at two ends thereof for generating the light beam, does not disclose a set of obscuring units fixed at the two bent parts at the ends of the bent lamp to partially obscure the light of the lamp, respectively, so as to repress a light surge caused at the image sensor.

Claims 2-11 depend on claim1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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